

B downstream of the blood inlet channel and in the<sup>a</sup> radially inner center of the cyclone eddy current [path] and the gas outlet extending in a direction which lies in the region between [the] an axial forward direction and a tangential direction of movement of the cyclone eddy current.

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### Remarks

The Applicant notes that none of the claims were rejected on the basis of art, although the Examiner did not have in hand Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement mailed August 24, 1998. The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the claims in light of the references cited therein.

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above-noted modifications to the specification to correct obvious typographical errors. No new matter is added.

Claims 1, 3 and 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Applicant has amended the claims to address each of the Examiner's concerns and therefore submits that these claims are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner indicated that claims 2, 4-7 and 11-17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicant has refrained from rewriting these claims in independent form but submits that these claims are now in condition for allowance in light of the amendments to the base claims to overcome the §112 rejections.

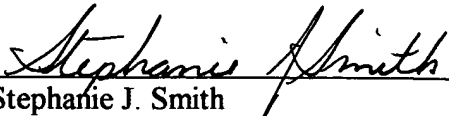
### Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and comments, the Applicant respectfully submits that presently pending claims 1-17 are in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is

earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the below-noted telephone number if allowance of this case would be assisted thereby.

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